

HELP TRAVELERS BREATHE
EASIER

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Smoke-Free Transportation Facilities Act, legislation that would ban smoking in all transportation facilities that receive Federal funds.

The Smoke-Free Transportation Facilities Act would provide a breath of clean air for travelers. It will provide some relief to the traveler who cannot simply get up and leave when others expose them to tobacco smoke and the risk of premature death.

Smoking and second-hand smoke are class A carcinogens. Cigarettes kill more than 434,000 Americans each year. Tobacco addiction costs the American public more than \$65 billion each year in health care costs and lost productivity. Tobacco is a known killer, yet there are no Federal laws or regulations governing smoking in public areas. For this reason, millions of people are exposed to the dangers of second-hand smoke each day. The exposure to second-hand smoke is particularly prevalent in transportation stations, as travelers have little choice other than to remain in the airport, train station, or bus terminal as they await their departure.

The Federal Government has a responsibility to protect travelers from the dangers of second-hand smoke. I believe we all have the right to breath clean air. The Smoke-Free Transportation Facilities Act will help ensure that people who have to travel, or even choose to travel, can breathe a little easier.

CHRISTINE LOPEZ 1997 NATIONAL
CRIME VICTIM SERVICE AWARD
RECIPIENT

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the time to honor Ms. Christine Lopez as recipient of the Crime Victim Service Award by the Attorney General Janet Reno on Friday, April 18, 1997. Ms. Lopez is being recognized for her outstanding dedication to the Gang Victim Assistance program offered by the Community Service Programs, Inc. of Orange County, CA. The Gang Victim Assistance program was started in 1990 as a private non-profit human service organization that helped extend other services provided by the Community Service Programs, Inc. Ms. Lopez contributes her expertise in gang-related victim and witness issues as the program's supervisor. Furthermore, Christine Lopez's involvement with the Latino community provides another benefit to a team specially created to handle victim and witness issues. This team comprises eight bicultural and bilingual victim specialists and is therefore able to respond to problems that Latino crime victims face when confronted by gang violence.

These specialists are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and respond to an array of crimes that require victim support and coun-

seling. Ms. Lopez's team services include accompanying investigating officers to the crime scene, delivering death notifications, assessing crime victim's safety and emergency needs, providing counseling services, and referrals to support groups. The team not only provides these services at the time of the crime, but continues to serve victims with support and counseling throughout the course of each case. This remarkable program has been so successful and filled with praise that the Office for Victims of Crime in the Justice Department is in the process of creating a protocol for other communities that are in need of similar programs.

Ms. Lopez's dedication has earned her State and national recognition for her efforts. This recognition includes Ms. Lopez being selected to serve on the advisory board for training and technical assistance for service providers helping Hispanic victims of crime. She was the first recipient of the annual Doris Tate Award that recognizes outstanding commitment and service to victims of crime presented by Governor Pete Wilson in 1993. I would like my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing Christine Lopez's contributions to the victims of crime and to commend her selection as a recipient of the Crime Victims Service Award by the Department of Justice and Attorney General Janet Reno.

CONGRATULATIONS POLSON HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. RICK HILL

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, on April 26-28, 1997, more than 1,200 students from 50 States and the District of Columbia will be in Washington, DC, to compete in the national finals of the We the People * * * The Citizen and the Constitution program. I am proud to announce that the class from Polson High School will represent my State of Montana. These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals by winning local competitions in their home State.

The distinguished members of the team representing Montana are: Erin Alcorn, Tracee Basler, Shawna Briney, Claire Brownell, John Brueggeman, Sierra Carlson, Toberta Dickson, Rick Donaldson, Ruth Fouty, Megan Gran, Kristi Greenwood, Chandra Hermanson, Eric Hogenson, Haydee Huntley, Katie Leonard, Liz Liebschutz, Lori Longin, B.J. Mazurek, Jamie McOmber, Shannon Meeks, Celeste Olsen, Curtis Owen, Dave Robinson, Trena Shima, Heidi Trytten.

I also would like to recognize their teacher, Bob Hilsop who deserves much of the credit for the success of the team. The State coordinator, Sue Suiter, also contributed a significant amount of time and effort to help the team reach the national finals.

The We the People * * * The Citizen and the Constitution program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The 3-day national competition simulates a congressional hearing in which students' oral presentations are judged on the basis of their knowledge of constitutional principles and their ability to

apply them to historical and contemporary issues.

The We the People * * * program provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain an informed perspective on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and its place in our history and our lives. I wish these students the best of luck in the national finals and look forward to their continued success in the years ahead. Keep up the good work Polson High School.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL GARVEY, AN
OUTSTANDING TEACHER AND
COACH

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I come to the floor of the House of Representatives to honor Daniel Joseph Garvey for his long and distinguished career as a high school teacher and basketball coach to many young men from Chicago's Southwest Side.

On April 18, 1997, Dan Garvey will be honored by his family, friends, former students, and colleagues at Gaelic Park, Midlothian, IL, for over 40 years of his service and dedication to Marist High School and De La Salle Institute.

Dan Garvey was born and raised on Chicago's Southwest Side by John and Mary Garvey, who were both from County Kerry, Ireland. Dan's family also included his brother Jack and two sisters, Marie and Therese. Dan graduated from St. Kilian Grammar School and De La Salle, and he earned a bachelor's degree from St. Ambrose College and a master's degree from Northeast Missouri State University.

Dan Garvey was an honor roll student and lettered in basketball in all 4 years at De La Salle. Dan earned a scholarship to St. Ambrose College where he was known as Dan "Ceps" Garvey and described as a born hustler on the basketball court. His college basketball career was highlighted with the Intercollegiate and Midlands Conference Championship. Dan's college studies were interrupted for 2 years while he served his country during the Korean War. Before returning to St. Ambrose, Dan married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Donna Mae Corriston.

Dan Garvey has been associated with Marist High School for over 30 years. Dan was the school's first varsity basketball coach, the head of the physical education department, as well as the first alumni director. Prior to his tenure at Marist, Dan taught and coached at De La Salle with another alum, the highly respected Jerry Tokars.

Though a man of few words, Dan Garvey earned the respect of many young men who went through the doors of Marist and De La Salle for his kindness and compassion, his guidance and positive influence, his work ethic and enthusiasm, and, not the least of, his legendary Irish personality.

In 1987, Dan received the Marist Alumni's Man of the Year Award for his longtime devotion and service to the Marist community. In 1990, Dan's basketball career was recognized by his induction into the De La Salle Sports Hall of Fame.